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Minutes

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10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> Webinar ID: 615 079 992 or
888-475-4499 (toll free)**

Council meeting

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Duncan Hwang, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

2. Public Communication

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on non-agenda items.

Seeing no Public Comment, Council President Peterson moved on to the Consent Agenda.

Public comment may be submitted in writing. It will also be heard in person and by electronic communication (video conference or telephone). Written comments should be submitted electronically by emailing legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov. Written comments received by 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting will be provided to the council prior to the meeting. Testimony on non-agenda items will be taken at the beginning of the meeting. Testimony on agenda items generally will take place during that item, after staff presents, but also may be taken at the beginning of the meeting.

Those wishing to testify orally are encouraged to sign up in advance by either: (a) contacting the legislative coordinator by phone at 503-813-7591 and providing your name and the agenda item on which you wish to testify; or (b) registering by email by sending your name and the agenda item on which you wish to testify to legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov. Those wishing to testify in person should fill out a blue card found in the back of the Council Chamber.

Those requesting to comment virtually during the meeting can do so by joining the meeting using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or 888-475-4499 (toll free) and using the "Raise Hand" feature in Zoom or emailing the legislative coordinator at legislativecoordinator@oregonmetro.gov. Individuals will have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated at the meeting.

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members

of the public wanting to testify on non-agenda items.

There was none.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 **Resolution No. 24-5443** For The Purpose Of Adding Or Amending A Total Of Six Projects To The 2024-27 MTIP To Meet Federal Project Delivery Requirements

Attachments: [Resolution 24-5443](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)
[Attachment 2](#)

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

- 3.2 **Resolution No 24-5435** For the Purpose of Directing Staff to Develop Metro Code and Administrative Rule Language to Prohibit the Landfill Disposal of Commercial Food Waste Generated Within the Region Effective January 1, 2027

Presenter(s): Holly Stirnkolb (she/her), Principal Solid Waste Planner
Attachments: [Resolution no. 24-5435](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

- 3.3 Consideration of the October 17, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve

the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

3.4 Consideration of the November 7, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

3.5 Consideration of the November 21, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

3.6 Consideration of the December 5, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

4. Resolutions

4.1 **Resolution 24-5437** For the Purpose of Metro Council's Acceptance of the Results of the Independent Audit for Financial Activity During Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Presenter(s): Brian Evans (he/him), Metro Auditor,
Caleb Ford, Deputy CFO
Ashley Osten (she/hers) Moss Adams, LLC

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-5437](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)
[Exhibit C](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Council President Peterson called on Brian Evans (he/him), Metro Auditor; Caleb Ford, Deputy CFO; and Ashley Osten (she/hers) Moss Adams, LLC to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the Ordinance No. 24-1518 presentation to present to Council.

Presentation Summary:

The presenters discussed the results of the audit, which largely found no financial errors. There were to immaterial issues identified, which were further clarified by the presenters. Finally, they discussed the importance of continued support and training for management to uphold the standards set by Metro.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Hwang wondered whether there is any expectation for further scrutiny expected under the incoming federal administration.

The presenters explained that they are prepared for a higher level of federal scrutiny but are confident in their current methods and reporting.

Councilor Rosenthal offered his appreciation for the auditor's work.

Councilor Gonzalez asked how funding may be affected by the incoming administration's approach to grants.

The presenters replied that the federal dollars have already been received from the relevant programs, so the current budget and audit procedures are unaffected.

Councilor Lewis requested clarification on who upholds bond expenditure.

The presenters answered that the auditor’s look at whether the expenditures were in accordance with the

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously. Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilor Rosenthal, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

4.2 **Resolution No. 24-5445** For The Purpose Of Approving Funding For Parks And Nature Bond Large Scale Community Visions Program

Presenter(s): Jon Blasher (he/him), Parks and Nature Director
Linda Bartolini Venegas (she/her), Large-scale Community Visions Program Coordinator

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-5445](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Resolution No. 24-5445 For The Purpose Of Approving Funding For Parks And Nature Bond Large Scale Community Visions Program

First: Lewis Second: Simpson

Council President Peterson called on Jon Blasher (he/him), Parks and Nature Director and Linda Bartolini Venegas (she/her), Large-scale Community Visions Program

Coordinator to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the Ordinance No. 24-1518 presentation to present to Council.

Presentation Summary:

The presenters discussed the Kellogg Creek project and the ways it meets the criteria for the Parks and Nature Large Scale Community Vision grants. They recommended that Council moves to award the requested \$10 million grant to the Kellogg Creek Project.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Lewis asked when the discussion of the third round of funding begins.

The presenters replied that they will come back in 2025, after the second round is completed.

Councilor Hwang conveyed the inspiring nature of the Kellogg Creek project, then requested further information about what the consequences would be if the additional federal funding is not approved.

The presenters stated that in the unlikely event that they \$10 million is not matched federally, the funds would be returned to Council to redistribute in several years' time.

Councilor Rosenthal asked the Mayor of Milwaukie how stormwater control is included in the project.

Mayor Batey and April McEwan responded to the question by describing the sustainability objectives of the project including the prioritization of stormwater recovery.

Councilor Gonzalez requested further clarification on the

federal funding that could be unlocked.

The presenters replied that the greater the award from Metro, the more federal funding that could be awarded federally, up to \$50 million.

Councilor Simpson noted that one of the projects from Bird Alliance, which was not recommended for the Large Scale Community Vision program, is still a valuable project he would like to see completed in the future. He asked what paths forward may exist.

The presenters replied that it is a valuable project that has local partners to help it move forward.

Councilor Lewis described her excitement regarding the forthcoming benefits from the Kellogg Creek project and the positive effect it will have on the City of Milwaukee.

Councilor Rosenthal thanked the Bird Alliance for their application and recognized the importance of habitat restoration in urban areas.

Councilor Gonzalez expressed his appreciation for the work of staff and partners.

Council President Peterson shared that she respects the work of Council and staff to award and leverage the funding for the Kellogg Creek project.

Council President Peterson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously. Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Simpson, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Lewis, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Hwang, and Councilor Simpson

4.2.1 Public Comment for Resolution No. 24-5445

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on Resolution No. 24-5445 For The Purpose Of Approving Funding For Parks And Nature Bond Large Scale Community Visions Program.

Micah Meskel and Stuart Wells from Bird Alliance spoke about the East Portland Nature Center project they submitted for consideration under the Large Scale Community Vision program.

Adam Khosroabadi, Milwaukie City Councilor, spoke in support of the Kellogg Creek project and its immense value to the community.

Seeing no further testimony, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

5. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

5.1 **Ordinance No. 24-1523** For the Purpose of Amending Title 6 of the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan to Require Local Adoption of Boundaries for Centers on the 2040 Growth Concept Map

Presenter(s): Glen Hamburg, Senior Regional Planner, Metro

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-1523](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)

Council President Peterson called on Glen Hamburg, Associate Regional Planner, Metro to present to Council.

Staff pulled up the Ordinance No. 24-1518 presentation to

present to Council.

Presentation Summary:

The presenters described the Ordinance and the changes that would be made.

Council Discussion:

Councilor Hwang asked two technical questions. First, he asked the presenters whether Metro or other local governments will need to adopt the center boundaries. He also asked Metro Attorney Carrie MacLaren whether there were any plain language requirements.

The presenters answered that the cities and counties will be responsible for adopting the boundaries. Carrie MacLaren noted that there were a few minor, non-substantive changes that may be made before the end of the calendar year.

Councilor Rosenthal wondered whether it would be appropriate to amend the regional transportation center plan to denote the centers to be developed.

The presenters replied that there would need to be consultation with staff working on transportation about that possibility.

Seeing no further discussion on the topic, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

5.1.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 24-1523

Council President Peterson opened the meeting to members of the public wanting to testify on Ordinance No. 24-1523 For The Purpose Of Amending Title 6 Of The Urban Growth Management Functional Plan To Require Local Adoption Of Boundaries For Centers On The 2040 Growth Concept Map.

Seeing no testimony, Council President Peterson moved on to the next agenda item.

6. Chief Operating Officer Communication

COO Marissa Madrigal provided an update on the following events or items:

- She reminded Councilors that they will be provided with seven-day notices for a few local-share projects including those located Gladstone, Wood Village, and Washington County.

7. Councilor Communication

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings and events:

- Councilor Hwang reported on the MPAC meeting held on Tuesday, December 11, 2024.
- Councilor Rosenthal added additional context and information from the MPAC meeting. He also described the WAE meeting held earlier in the day discussing Governor Kotek's funding plan.
- Councilor Lewis reported on her visit to Cincinnati, Ohio for the Center for Transportation Excellence conference.
- Councilor Gonzelez also spoke about his experiences at the same conference.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Cooley

Nicholas Cooley, Legislative Assistant